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SUBJ: CONSUL'S ATTENDANCE AT COMMISSION OF THE CALIFORNIAS,
LA PAZ, BAJA CALIFORNIA SUR.

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1. CONSUL ADDRESSED A GROUP OF TWO HUNDRED ON THE SUBJECT OF U.S. PRISONER PROBLEM IN MEXICO. TALK, AS PRESCRIBED BY GUIDELINES FROM EMBASSY, APPEARED BE WELL RECEIVED AND AT REQUEST OF MR. POBLANO WAS TRANSLATED TO GROUP IN SPANISH BY CONSUL. ON PREVIEW OF TALK, LT. GOV. DYMALLY CONSIDERED SUBJECT MATTER VERY APPROPRIATE FOR THIS GROUP, COPY OF TEXT WILL BE INCLUDED IN AUGUST HI-LITE REPORT.

2. IN COMMITTEE MEETING WHOSE CHIEF SPOKESMAN WAS ALVARO GONZALEZ SOTELO, FEDERAL TOURISM DELEGATE IN B.C.S. PRESSURE WAS APPLIED FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A CONSULATE IN LA PAZ. CONSUL EXPLAINED IN DETAIL THIS NOT POSSIBLE AND CITED VARIOUS WAYS IN WHICH NIV APPLICATIONS COULD BE FACILITATED FOR BONA FIDE APPLICANTS. AT CONCLUSION OF COMMITTEE MEETING, SEVERAL MEMBERS SAID THEY UNDERSTOOD REASONS FOR NON-ESTABLISHMENT CONSULATE LA PAZ.

3. LT. GOV. DYMALLY STOPPED OFF MAZATLAN ENROUTE TO CONFERENCE AUG 17 AND VISITED PRISON WITH CONSUL. TALKED WITH MAJORITY OF
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PRISONERS AND OBSERVED THAT MOST COMPLAINTS SEEMED TO STEM FROM HARSH TREATMENT ACCORDED PRISONERS PRE CONSIGNMENT PERIOD AND PRIOR TO ENTERING PRISON. LT GOV. WAS APPALED AT EXISTING PRISON CONDITIONS BUT UNDERSTOOD THAT WARDEN DOING BEST HE COULD WITH LIMITED RESOURCES. LT. GOV. WAS INFORMED THAT NEW PRISON IN MAZATLAN NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION. ALSO ARRANGED FOR LT. GOV. SEE PRISONERS IN LA PAZ, BCS, WHICH HE DID ON AUGUST 18 AND WAS AGREEABLY SURPRISED SEE CONTRAST LIVING CONDITIONS NEW FACILITY IN LA PAZ AND MAZATLAN BUT MADE SAME OBSERVATION ABOUT PRE-CONSIGNMENT TREATMENT.

4. CONFIRMING TELCON WITH GEORGE FALK AUGUST 23 WILL TRY OBTAIN COMMITTEE MINUTES RELATIVE ILLEGAL ALIEN QUESTION.
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